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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET BILATERALS ON UN OUTER SPACE ISSUES

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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY HERE REGARDING SPECIFIC TIME AND PLACE OF FIRST BILATERAL SESSION IN LONDON, SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY KOKOREV SUGGESTED WE DEAL DIRECTLY WITH MOSCOW ON ARRANGING DETAILS. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO ASK MFA (MAIORSKY) WHERE AND WHEN ON THE 19TH SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FIRST SESSION OF BILATERALS.

2. COMMENT: WITHOUT MAKING TOO MUCH OF IT WE WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE MEETINGS WERE REQUESTED BY THE SOVIETS. WE HAVE RESERVED A CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE US EMBASSY IF NEEDED, AND WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO USING IT. YOU MAY DISCLOSE THAT FACT AT YOUR DISCRETION. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, INITIALLY PREFER TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSE THE QUESTION IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR HAVING ACCEPTED

THE SOVIET INVITATION, WHERE WOULD THEY LIKE TO MEET?
END COMMENT. KISSINGER

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